

Single-Family Housing Section 523 Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Technical Assistance (TA) grants to an organization to pay the cost of developing and administering a program of technical and supervisory assistance to aid very low and low income families build their own homes. The dual purpose of this program is to fund organizations that are willing to locate and work with families that otherwise do not qualify as homeowners and help those families learn the skills of maintaining a home by participating in its construction.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE: Eligible applicants may qualify for two separate grants under this program. In addition to the TA grant, an additional pre-development grant of up to \$10,000 may be available if the applicant organization lacks the financial resources to assemble the TA grant application.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Applicant or organization must be a state, political subdivision, public nonprofit corporation (including Indian Tribes or Tribal Corporation) or qualifying private non-profit corporation.

FUND AVAILABILITY AND MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT: Funding is based upon annual appropriations. The TA grant depends on the experience and capabilities of the applicant, and must be justified based upon the number of families to be assisted.

TERMS: A TA grant agreement may be for up to two years, depending upon the size and complexity of the TA grant proposal.

FEES: None.

CONTACT: Visit your local USDA Rural Development office to fill out a pre-application.